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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

9 MARWA IRFAN ABDULWAHAB, *et al.*,

No. 2:23-cv-1138-JLR

10 Plaintiffs,

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER

11 v.

12 ANTONY J. BLINKEN,

Noted for Consideration on:
November 16, 2023

13 Defendant.

14 Plaintiffs and Defendant, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule
15 of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to
16 continue to stay these proceedings until December 18, 2023. Plaintiffs bring this case pursuant to
17 the Administrative Procedure Act seeking an order compelling the U.S. State Department to re-
18 adjudicate Plaintiff Qalawz's nonimmigrant visa application. There is good cause to continue to
19 hold this case in abeyance for an additional 30 days.
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Courts have "broad discretion" to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706
(1997). "[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to
control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for
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1 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
2 P. 1.

3 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
4 intervention. The consular officer approved Plaintiff’s nonimmigrant visa application today. The
5 National Vetting Center will next conduct a final screening step. Once completed, and if no issues
6 arise during the final screening step, the State Department anticipates that the visa refusal will be
7 reconsidered upon completion. Plaintiffs intend to dismiss this case should the visa issue upon
8 completion.

9 To allow for the screening step to occur, the parties request this Court to hold the case in
10 abeyance until December 18, 2023. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before
11 December 18, 2023.

12 Dated: November 16, 2023

13 Respectfully submitted,

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21 260 words, in compliance with the Local
22 Civil Rules.***

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1 **{PROPOSED} ORDER**

2 The case is held in abeyance until December 18, 2023. The parties shall submit a joint
3 status report on or before December 18, 2023. It is so **ORDERED**.

4 DATED this 17th day of November, 2023.

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7 JAMES L. ROBART
8 United States District Judge

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